

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates” on page 1 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention relates to a marking determining method ~~as described in the preamble of claim 1~~ and a related device ~~as described in the preamble of claim 8~~.

Please replace the paragraph beginning “According to the invention, this object is achieved” on page 2 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

According to ~~the~~ an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, this object is achieved by ~~the~~ a marking determination method, for determining a packet marking of packets of an incoming packet-flow, in order to keep said packets in conformance with a traffic policy, said determining being based on an actual value of a traffic reservation parameter, said traffic reservation parameter being a measure of available network resources dedicated to packets of said incoming packet-flow having a pre-assigned priority, said determining further being based on said pre-assigned priority of said packets of said incoming packet flow, said traffic reservation parameter having a predetermined minimum and a maximum value, said marking method comprising: holding a threshold value for said traffic reservation parameter, said threshold value lying between said minimum and said maximum value of said traffic reservation parameter; metering said actual value of said traffic reservation parameter; and determining said packet marking of each of said packets based on said actual value of said traffic reservation

parameter when said actual value of said traffic reservation parameter exceeds said threshold
value for said traffic reservation parameter.~~method as described in claim 1, the device as~~
~~described in claim 8 and the communication network element as described in claim 15~~

Please insert the following paragraphs before the paragraph beginning “Indeed, by holding a threshold value for a traffic reservation parameter...” on page 2 of the specification:

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention, this object is achieved by a marking determining device, for determining a packet marking of packets of an incoming packet-flow, in order to keep said packets in conformance with a traffic policy, said determining being based on an actual value of a traffic reservation parameter, said traffic reservation parameter being a measure of available network resources dedicated to packets of said incoming packet-flow having a pre-assigned priority, said determining further being based on said pre-assigned priority of said packets of said incoming packet flow, said traffic reservation parameter having a predetermined minimum and a maximum value, said marking device comprising: a. threshold holding part (THHP), adapted to hold a threshold value for said traffic reservation parameter, said threshold value lying between said minimum and said maximum value of said traffic reservation parameter; b. metering part (MEP), adapted to check on said actual value of said traffic reservation parameter; and c. determination part (DETP), adapted to determine said packet marking of each of said packets based on said actual value of

said traffic reservation parameter when said actual value of said traffic parameter exceeds said threshold value for said traffic reservation parameter.

According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention, this object is achieved by a communications network element including a marking determination device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning “Another characteristic feature of the present invention...” on page 2 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Another characteristic feature of the present invention is that determination packet marking additionally may be based on at least one additional pre-assigned priority for each said packet of said incoming packet-flow, each said additional pre-assigned priority having a separate threshold value assigned to said traffic reservation parameter~~described in appended claim 2 and claim 9.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning “A further characteristic feature of the present invention...” on page 3 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

A further characteristic feature of the present invention is that said traffic reservation parameter may be the filling level of a token bucket~~mentioned in the appended claims 3 and 10.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning “Another characteristic feature of the present invention...” on page 3 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Another characteristic feature of the present invention is that said traffic reservation parameter may be a sending rate estimate~~mentioned in the appended claims 4 and 11.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning “Still further characteristic feature of the present invention...” on page 3 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Still further characteristic ~~feature~~features of the present invention are that said pre-assigned priority and/or said additional pre-assigned priority may be a packet loss priority, a packet traffic category, or a type of sender~~described in claims 5, 6, and 7 and in the claims 12, 13 and 14.~~